

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action (Real Estate)**

Austin City Council	Item ID:	6970	Agenda Number	29.
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Meeting Date:	June 23, 2011
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Department:	Office of Real Estate Services
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**Subject**

Authorize the negotiation and execution of all documents and instruments necessary or desirable to purchase in fee simple two tracts of land totaling approximately 10.992 acres in Travis County, Texas, located at 11100 and 11104 Zimmerman Lane, from ROY GASS for the Balcones Canyonland Preserve, in an amount not to exceed \$405,000. Related to Item # 3.

**Amount and Source of Funding**

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Operating Budget of the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve of the Austin Water Utility.

**Fiscal Note**

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
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Prior Council Action:	
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Related Items:	7219
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**Additional Backup Information**

The funds for this proposed acquisition are from the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve Participation Certificates. The primary purpose of these funds is to purchase real property for habitat protection. The purchase of this property will eliminate an in-holding of Balcones Canyonlands Preserve ("BCP") habitat and will also help provide a buffer located at the head waters of Bull Creek.

The protection of the headwaters of Bull Creek is an important Balcones Canyonlands Preserve (BCP) habitat goal. Each tract is heavily wooded, sloping towards Bull Creek. Both tracts are vacant and do not include any improvements. The acquisition of the 10.992 acres will go towards the acreage totals needed for the BCP and the properties are confirmed Golden-cheeked Warbler Habitat and within an Endangered Cave Species Habitat.

The owner has agreed to accept the City of Austin's offer for the two tracts of land.